

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 13, 2017 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 133, 3/10/2017; HB 151, 3/10/2017; HB 418, 3/10/2017

00:01:20 Chair Ballance relinquished chair to Vice Chair Brodehl
00:01:25 Rep. Dudik and Rep. Ellis arrived

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:27 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 151, Appropriation for shooting range development program.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:21 Dustin Temple, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:45 Rep. Keane
00:07:39 Dustin Temple, FWP
00:08:05 Rep. Ellis
00:09:14 Dustin Temple, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:49 Rep. Ballance

HEARING ON HB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:13 Rep. Nate McConnell (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 133, Generally revise sentencing laws.

00:11:22 Rep. Ballance resumed the chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:54 Pat Schlauch, Department of Corrections (COR)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:55 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
00:22:13 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)

EXHIBIT(aph52a01)

00:26:42 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:55 Rep. Woods
00:28:55 Chair Ballance
00:29:50 Rep. Cuffe
00:32:21 Greg Mohr, MMA

00:33:29 Rep. Cuffe
00:34:07 Rep. McConnell
00:36:57 Chair Ballance
00:37:22 Rep. Dudik
00:38:33 Rep. McConnell
00:38:53 Rep. Dudik
00:39:15 Sen. Wolken
00:39:22 Rep. Dudik
00:40:29 Rep. McConnell
00:41:01 Rep. Cook arrived
00:42:46 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:43:04 Pat Schlauch, COR
00:43:32 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:44:07 Kevin Olson, Department of Corrections (COR)
00:44:35 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:45:09 Mark Murphy, MCAA
00:45:52 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:46:15 Mark Murphy, MCAA
00:46:55 Vice Chair Brodehl
00:48:12 Sen Wolken
00:48:18 Rep. Patelis
00:50:19 Sen. Wolken
00:50:49 Vice Chair McCarthy
00:53:57 Rep. McConnell
00:55:30 Rep. Patelis
00:57:28 Rep. McConnell
00:59:21 Rep. Patelis
01:00:11 Rep. Lynch
01:01:56 Rep. McConnell
01:02:06 Sen. Wolken
01:03:12 Rep. Lynch
01:03:39 Greg Mohr, MMA
01:05:02 Rep. Tschida
01:05:33 Rep. McConnell
01:05:48 Chair Ballance
01:06:04 Sen. Wolken
01:06:58 Chair Ballance
01:07:21 Rep. Tschida
01:08:42 Eric Bryson, MACo
01:10:23 Rep. Lynch
01:10:50 Eric Bryson, MACo
01:11:09 Rep. Lynch
01:11:35 Chair Ballance
01:11:47 Rep. Dudik
01:14:16 Pat Schlauch, COR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:27 Rep. McConnell

HEARING ON HB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:15:39 Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 418, Revise funding for career and vocational/technical education.

EXHIBIT(aph52a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:11 Greta Besch-Moen, Billings Public School Board
01:28:37 Rep. Cook
01:28:59 Chair Ballance
01:29:32 Rep. Cook
01:29:43 Rep. Holmlund
01:30:07 Chair Ballance
01:30:43 Vice Chair McCarthy
01:31:26 Chair Ballance
01:32:07 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)
01:33:07 Scott Anderson, Billings Career Center
01:35:24 Michael Kenison, Butte CTE Teacher
01:37:15 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:38:29 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:39:20 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
01:39:43 Kirk Woosley, Skyview High School
01:40:59 Mike Leo, Billings Public Schools
01:43:00 Morgan Smith, MEA-MFT
01:43:31 John Stiles, Montana DECA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:09 Vice Chair McCarthy

Committee Business:

01:47:58 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:48:35

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph52aad.pdf](#))